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POLITICAL

CULTURE MINISTER DECLARES FRIENDSHIP FOR USSR -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 20 Aug 60, p 6

CPYRGHT

In his 19 August address to a visiting Tatar delegation from the USSR, Minister of Culture Shen Yen-ping declared that "The Chinese people have deep affection for the great Soviet people. The Chinese people will forever look on the Soviet people as their loyal friends. The Chinese people cannot forget the aid that has been given them by the Soviet party, government, and people."

ECONOMIC

PROCESS FOR EXTRACTING GERMANIUM -- Budapest, Magyar Kemikusok Lapja, Vol XV, No 7, Jul 60, p 297

CPYRGHT

Germanium dioxide suitable for the needs of the telecommunications industry has been successfully extracted from gas water and brown-coal tar of Hungarian generating plants. The extraction process was developed by the Research Institute of the Heavy Chemical Industry; it makes possible the recovery of pyrocatechol. Adoption of the process will provide the Hungarian telecommunications industry with significant quantities of germanium and enable the pharmaceutical industry to eliminate all imports of pyrocatechol.

POWER STATIONS CONVERT TO GAS -- Ashkhabad, Turkmenskaya Iskra, 9 Aug 60

CPYRGHT

All TES (thermal electric power stations) in the Uzbek SSR are being converted to burn gas; the conversion will be completed during the Seven-Year Plan. Most of them will be supplied with natural gas from the deposits in Bukhara. The Bukharskaya TES, the Katta-Kurganskaya TES, and other stations located along the Dzharkak-Tashkent gas pipeline are already burning gas.

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[Comment: Press accounts of southern USSR coal mines converting to gas production have indicated that this initial conversion did not increase significantly the over-all efficiency of the stations and that the cost of production was reduced very little.]

PRICE SYSTEM DETRIMENTAL TO CEMA SPECIALIZATION -- Budapest, Figyelo,  
12 Jul 60

CPYRGHT

Hungary's new producers' price system preserves the existing industrial structure contrary to the interests of the people's economy and fails to provide opportunities for the exploitation of advantages deriving from international cooperation. The producers' prices freeze the commodity structure and retard, and in some instances exclude, the effective forms of development of economic cooperation and specialization between the (CEMA) socialist countries.

PLA AIR FORCE AIDS DROUGHT-STRICKEN AREAS -- Peiping, Kung-jen Jih-pao,  
9 Jul 60, p 1

CPYRGHT

The Chinese PLA (People's Liberation Army) Air Force has ardently supported the people's communes in fighting the drought and saving the harvest. At the end of May, the PLA Air Force had flown 211 aircraft sorties to aid the farmers by artificially inducing rain over the drought-stricken areas. A certain drought-stricken area comprising 6,400 square kilometers was covered with over 56 million cubic meters of water giving every mou covered an average of 6 cubic meters of water.

DECREE TO COMBAT CATTLE BRUCELLOSIS -- Berlin, Gesetzblatt, Part I, No 40,  
16 Jul 60, p 414

The following is an FDD comment.

This irregularly published East German legal gazette contained a detailed decree outlining measures to be taken to combat brucellosis in cattle. The preamble to the decree states: "Next to tuberculosis, brucellosis causes the greatest economic damage in the breeding and raising of cattle."

DECENTRALIZATION OF PRODUCTION -- Zagreb, Vjesnik, 9 Aug 60, p 6

CPYRGHT

Increasing attention is being given to establishing small industrial plants in the undeveloped communes of the Vojvodina in Yugoslavia. Metal industry enterprises have been producing a very wide assortment of products,

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thus preventing savings in production. Consequently, a number of small industrial plants and shops are being established in undeveloped communes and the parent enterprises are furnishing the necessary capital assets.

NEW OPEN-HEARTH FURNACE -- Bucharest, Rominia Libera, 21 Aug 60

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Rumania's first open-hearth furnace with a capacity of 400 tons per charge began operation on 20 August 1960 at the new steel mill in Hunedoara.

#### MILITARY

#### KOMAROV COMMANDS BELORUSSIAN MILITARY DISTRICT

The following is an FDD comment.

Sovetskaya Belorussiya (Minsk), 18 August 1960, identified Col Gen V. N. KOMAROV as commander of the Belorussian Military District. KOMAROV, previously identified as commander of the Volga Military District, relieves Mar SU.S. K. TIMOSHENKO in the Belorussian Military District. TIMOSHENKO attended a Moscow Navy Day meeting of the Ministry of Defense USSR on 30 July, according to Krasnaya Zvezda of 31 July 1960.

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